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GRADIENT TO CHARACTERIZE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to considering the enclosed divisional application,
please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On the first page, after the title and before the text on
line 4, please add the following heading and paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of copending and commonly
assigned U.S. Patent application serial number 09/630,172 to
Blumenfeld et al., entitled APPARATUS FOR GENERATING A TEMPERATURE
GRADIENT AND METHODS FOR USING THE GRADIENT TO CHARACTERIZE
MOLECULAR INTERACTIONS," incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-22 and 33-72.

REMARKS

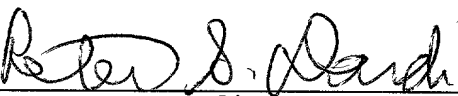
Claims 23-32 and 73-77 remain for consideration. Claims 1-22 and 33-72 are canceled without prejudice in view of a restriction requirement imposed in the parent application.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the pending claims.

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